

# ARPA-E Wind and Solar Forecasting Workshop

## Agenda and Goals for the Day

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# Thank You!

**ARPA-E's work would not be possible without people like you volunteering their time**



# Apologies!

**For the tight environment. We have had overwhelming response for this workshop.**



# Apologies!

**We will have to play musical chairs  
(rearrange from classroom to U shape)  
3 times, so please get all your belongings  
and go into hallway:**

- At the beginning of the coffee break (9:20 AM)
- At the beginning of Lunch (11:45 AM)
- At the beginning of session 3 (1:15 PM)



# Why are we here?

Table 2

## Average Wind Forecast Error by Time Frame

	Forecast Error	
	<u>Single Plant</u>	<u>Region</u>
<u>Hour Ahead</u>		
Energy (% Actual)	10 – 15%	6 – 11%
Capacity (% Rated)	4 – 6%	3 – 6%
<u>Day Ahead</u>		
Hourly Energy (% Actual)	25 – 30%	15 – 18%
Hourly Capacity (% Rated)	10 – 12%	6 – 8%

Source: Smith, 2009.

# Why are we here?

## The Value of Wind Power Forecasting

Preprint

Debra Lew and Michael Milligan  
*National Renewable Energy Laboratory*

Gary Jordan and Richard Piwko  
*GE Energy*

	10% Forecasting Improvement	20% Forecasting Improvement
14 % Wind Penetration	\$140 M	\$260 M
24% Wind Penetration	\$500 M	\$975 M

# ARPA-E's RE Integration Efforts So Far:



GENI:Green Electricity  
Network Integration

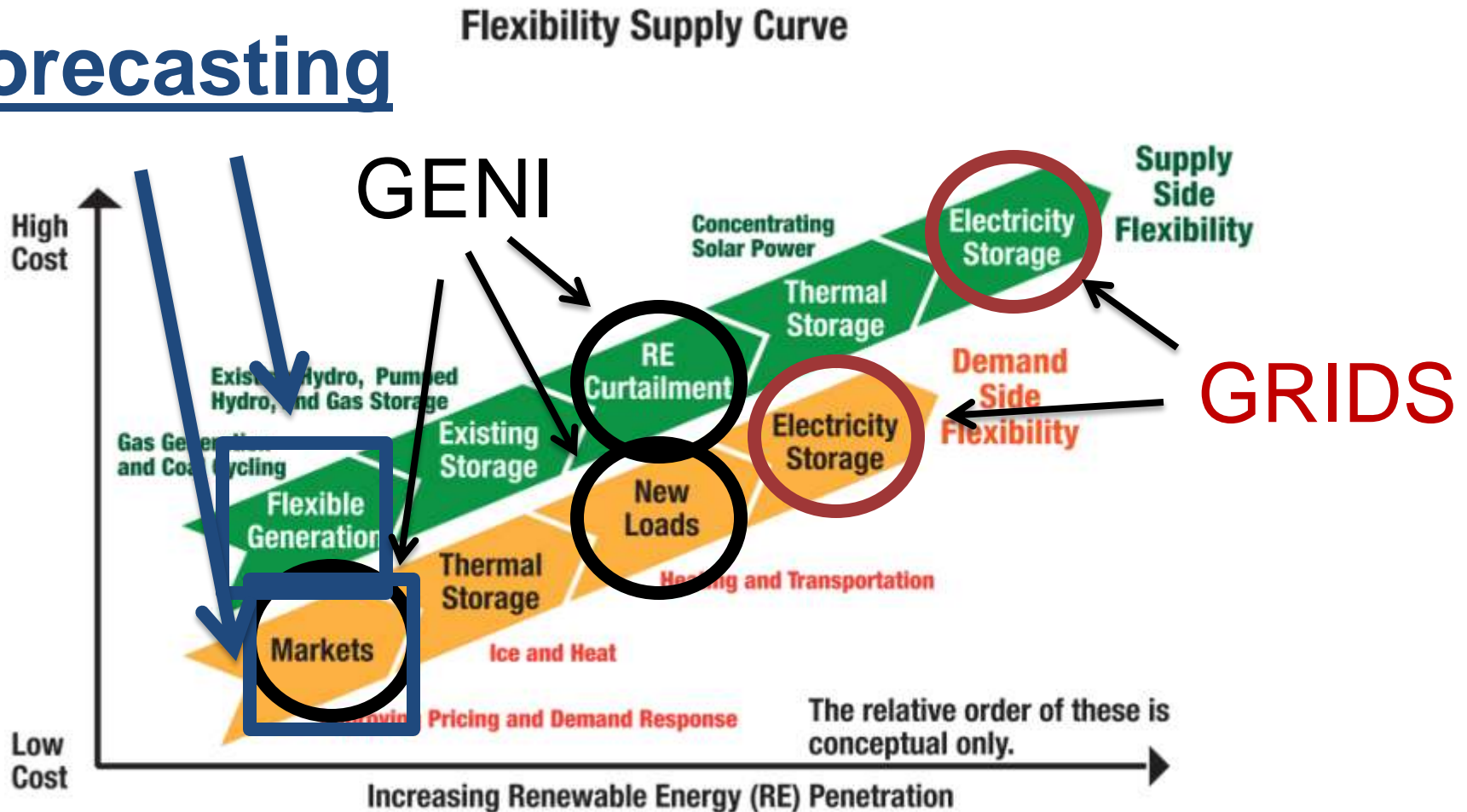


GRIDS:Grid Rampable  
Intermittent Dispatchable  
Storage



# Forecasting to Improve Prospects for Low Cost RE Integration Enablers

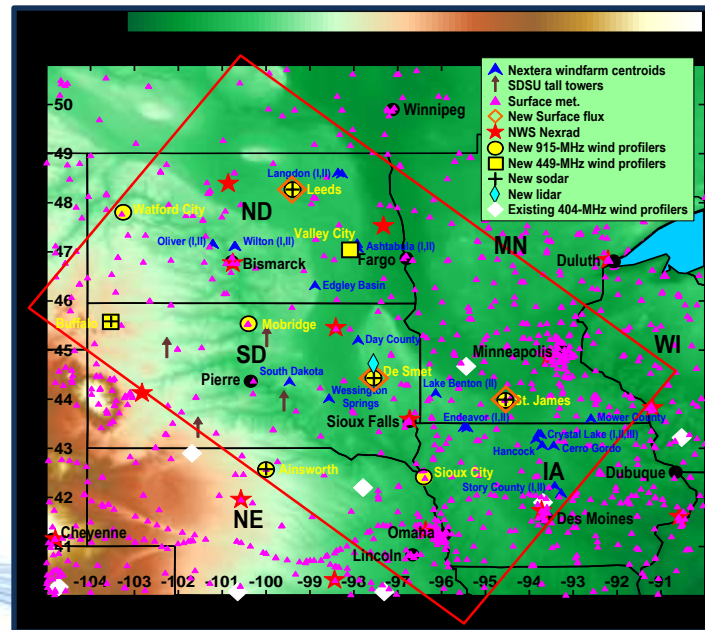
## Forecasting





# Three Tech Directions (or more) for the Day

1. More data, more sensors and what do you need to (data and analytics) to support it



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2. Computational resources to improve model resolution with or without more data.



Ken Birman



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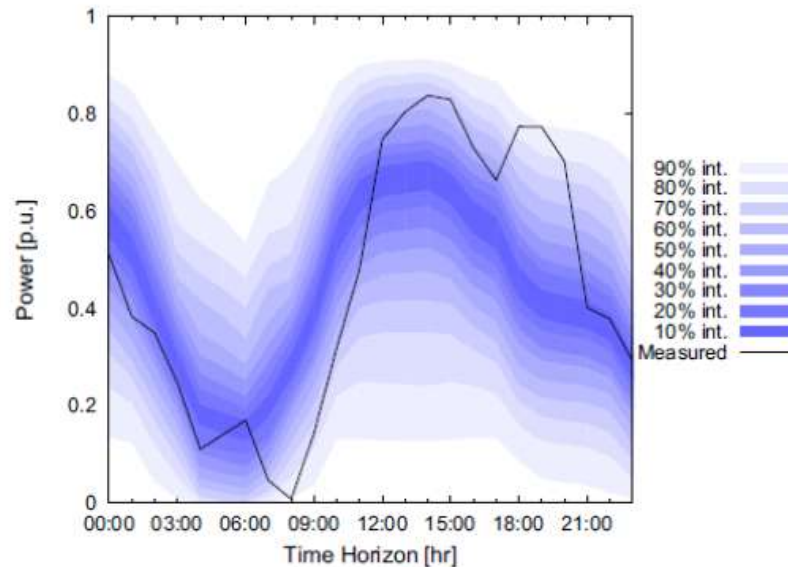


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# Three Tech Directions (or more) for the Day

3. Dynamically moving sensors to get data where it is most needed.

*Quantile/interval  
forecast for one day:*



# Three Tech Directions (or more) for the Day

Or More: From you!



# What is our goal?

Answer: To justify a possible research program.

We do this in a two step process:

1. If it works, would it matter?
2. Is there anything that could possibly work?





# 1. If it works, would it matter?

This is the question we are addressing in the morning sessions

Trying to get to a Techno Economic Goal

Such as the **BEEST Targets:**

**400 Wh/kg**

**\$300/kWh**

## **2. Is there anything that could possibly work?**

This is the question we are addressing in the afternoon sessions

**When looking at the technologies we ask:**

- **Can they reach the techno-economic target?**
- **Are they unlikely to do it without ARPA-E funding?**



# Breakout Sessions

Booz Allen Room



**Dr. Nicholas  
Cizek**

Techno Economic Goals

Improved Sensors

Hamilton Room



**Dr. Tim Heidel**

Techno Economic Goals

Computational Resources,  
Challenges and Sensor  
Placement Optimization

# A thank you to our morning speakers



**Stan Calvert**

DOE Wind & Water Program



**Kevin Lynn**

DOE Solar/SunShot Program



**Jim Wilczak**

NOAA



**Justin Sharp**

Sharply Focused Forecasting

# A thank you to our afternoon speakers



**Ken Birman**  
Cornell University



**Niels LaWhite**  
Second Wind



**Mike Margulis**  
Lockheed Martin



**Vijay Kumar**  
University of Pennsylvania

# **A Plea to Our Speakers: Please Watch the Time!**



**We have a lot to get through.  
There will be plenty of time to  
elaborate in breakouts**





**This is Booz Allen. Hamilton is next door.**

**If you are not assigned to a breakout session see me at the break at 9:30**

**We have a great group here:  
Chance to network during  
break, lunch and at  
Neighborhood bar at 3:30 PM**

